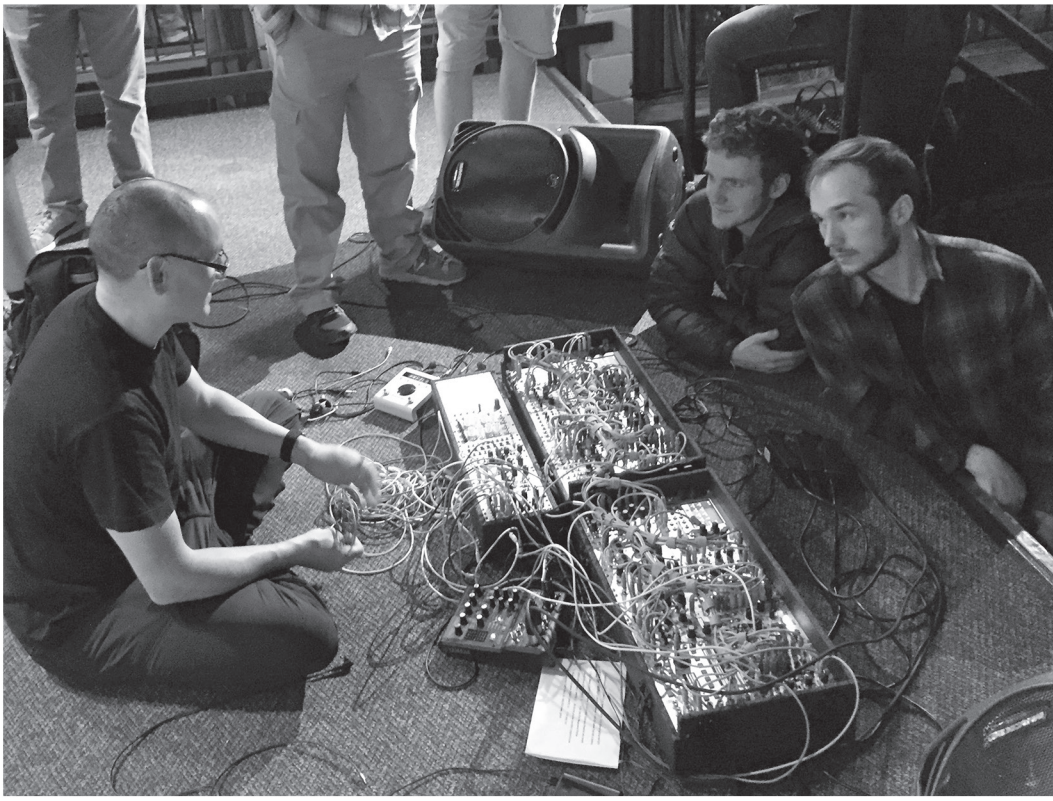
FALL 2019
Mansfield University Department of Music

Cadenza

Happenings from the Music Tech and Music Business Majors

It was a busy year for **Mansfield's Music Tech and Music Business** students. The student group, Steadman Studios helped sponsor Mountiestock that included performances by Aaron Rizzo, Trash Boy, and The Boneflowers. Also, in conjunction with the Student Composer Society, Steadman Studios helped launch the first Mansfield University New Music Festival with performances by Lindsey Goodman, Maxwell Tfirn, and Radio Wonderland. Steadman Studios and the Student Composer Society also brought in electronic music artist and sound designer Richard Devine for a masterclass and concert. Additionally, several concerts were recorded by music tech students including the Festival Chorus major work concert.



Electronic Music Artist and Sound Designer Richard Devine with Students, Nick Best, Alumni of Music Tech Program '17 and Django Klumpp, Music Tech/Music Performance '19

Several students participated in some outstanding internships in the 2018-2019 school year. Ian Brennan, Emily Liros, and Katherin Wheeler did internships at the Deane Center in Wellsboro. Rachael Rice did her internship at the Corning Museum of Glass. Will Palmer completed his internship at the Clemens Center in Elmira, NY. Steve Backenstoes did his internship at The Headroom in Philadelphia. Mary Jane Warner and Connor Newkam-Ulrich completed internships with the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes. Wes Baker did an internship with the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra in Binghamton, NY. In the summer of 2019, Django Klumpp is doing his internship with Rittenhouse Soundworks in Philadelphia and Mary Smith is doing her internship with Pearl Percussion Corporation in Nashville, TN.

FACULTY NEWS

Peggy Dettwiler is President of the Eastern Region of the American Choral Directors Association and charged with organizing the 2020 regional music conference. The conference entitled, "Open Ears, Open Hearts," will take place March 4 through 7 in Rochester, New York. Guest choirs include The American Spiritual Ensemble, which has appeared twice in Mansfield to rave reviews! Also performing will be Voices 21C, led by André de Quadros, human rights advocate, who has taken this chamber choir to perform all over the world spreading the message of compassion, love, and non-violence. The conference will also feature the Eastman School's musical ensembles in a performance of Britten's War Requiem. As a part of the Endless Mountain Music Festival concerts, Peggy organized a choir of sixteen alumni soloists in a performance of The Serenade to Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Fifty-eight singers from the MU Concert Choir, Festival Chorus, and Choral Academy performed "A Song of Peace" based on Sibelius' Finlandia.

Dr. Rebecca Dodson-Webster was featured as principal horn with the Endless Mountain Music Festival during its 2019 three-week summer season. Now in its fourteenth season, the festival brings together professional musicians from around the globe to perform in venues in Mansfield, Corning, Wellsboro, and other places in the region. Dr. Dodson-Webster was joined during the first week by Margaret Barber Henderson, an MU graduate hornist, who first appeared with the festival as a student intern and now returns as a professional.

Dr. Eun-Joo Kwak, Associate Professor of Piano, was a featured Artist-in-Residence for the Green Lake Festival of Music in Wisconsin (http://www.greenlakefestival.org/greenlakefestival/), presenting a solo piano recital on June 12 in Green Lake, another recital on June 21 in Oshkosh, followed by a masterclass on June 22 also in Oshkosh. On April 14, Dr. Kwak judged The 2019 Steinway Junior Piano Competition at Robert M. Sides Family Music Center in Williamsport. On April 12, Dr. Kwak presented a lecture recital at Troy Area Senior High School. In March, Dr. Kwak also gave a solo recital on The Friends of the Pipes Winter Recital Series at Great Island Presbyterian Church in Lock Haven.

This spring **Dr. Christine Moulton** had the honor of serving as a judge for the National Flute Association national Masterclass Performers' Competition. Winners perform at the national convention in Salt Lake City in August.

Performances include a recital on WVIA's Simply Grand Concert aired in June with colleagues **Sue Laib**-oboe, **Richard MacDowell**-clarinet, **Alissa Rose**-voice, and two members of the MU Flute Studio, Maddie Anthony and Ellie Motichka and with guest Dr. Gary Boerckel, piano.

The voice area is pleased to announce that **Jordan Schreiner** (MU class of 2014, Music Performance and Music Business) will be joining the voice faculty for the 2019-2020 school year as Dr. Youngsuk Kim's sabbatical replacement. He will also be starting a doctoral program at Rutgers University in the fall.

Dr. Andrew Walters' piece for live analog synthesizer and fixed media Volts and Kettles was presented at Hebrew Union College in New York City as part of the International Computer Music Conference in June of 2019. Two of Dr. Walters' Four Haikus for flutes, soprano, and live electronics will be presented at the 2019 Electronic Music Midwest at Kansas City Community College in Kansas City, KS.

Christine Moulton and **Alissa Rose** performed with the Manhattan Contemporary Chamber Ensemble at the Church of Christ & St. Stephen's in Manhattan in May. Former MU students Emily Kaplan and Jordan Schreiner drove from upstate NY to be in the audience (photo below). Drs. Rose and Moulton also

performed with the Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival in Penn Yan in July. Outreach clinics and concerts were presented at the Sherburne-Earlville, Oxford Academy and Binghamton High Schools in NY State with the MU faculty trio Velocity 3 (Moulton-flute, Laib-oboe, MacDowell-clarinet).

In addition to concerts with Dr. Moulton this summer, **Dr. Alissa Rose** spent a good part of her summer moving from Wellsboro to Corning and the rest of it on a cross-country trip with her family, visiting her parents in Montana and seeing several friends along the way.

Garet Holdren, a Mansfield alumni, is returning to Mansfield University this fall as a member of the music faculty. Garet received a Bachelor's of Music Education Degree in 2010, and then continued on to earn a Master's of Music Performance (violoncello focus) from Penn State University in 2012. Upon graduating from Penn State, Garet put his degree from Mansfield to use and became the orchestra director at Sulphur Springs Independent School District, a large district outside of Dallas, Texas. In 2014, he accepted a position as a general education development and music teacher at FCI Allenwood, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and returned to Pennsylvania. An active performer, Garet is serving as the principal cellist of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra and also frequently performs with the Susquehanna Valley Chorale, the Williamsport Choir and Orchestra, and the Buffalo Valley Singers. Recently, he performed Johan De Meij's "Cassanova Cello Concerto" with the Milton Area Community Band. He maintains a large private cello studio based in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and teaches cello and low strings pedagogy methods courses at Lycoming College. Garet is also a Technical Sergeant in the Air National Guard. Garet credits his career to Mansfield, saying that it was his "second chance," acknowledging that when he graduated high school he hadn't practiced the cello enough but Mansfield accepted him as an undergrad student because the music faculty looked at the potential he had instead of the level he was at. Garet states that he is ecstatic to now be able to return to Mansfield and to have the opportunity to help MU students as much as the faculty at Mansfield helped him.

Dr. Sue Laib attended the 2019 IDRS convention (International Double Reed Society) at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL, and stayed with 1995 MU alum Darlene (Millis) Davis (Dietetics/Music Outstanding Senior nominee). Darlene is the principal oboist with the Tampa Bay Symphony and the National Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Program Director for the Veterans Health Administration. Retired low brass professor Steve McEuen went along on the trip, and in addition to going to a few oboe and bassoon concerts and doing some sight-seeing, had fun spending time with Darlene's over-sized Golden Retriever, Graham.

Darlene Davis (left) and Dr. Laib (right)

ENSEMBLE, STUDIO, & DEGREE NEWS

Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra
As always, the **Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra** is open to community members who play string instruments. We are looking for violin, viola, cello, and bass players from the area to join our happy band. If you played a string instrument in school in the past and are interested in auditioning for the Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, please contact Dr. Jeffrey R. Jacobsen (jjacobse@mansfield.edu) for further information. The **MUSO** participates in the Music Department's annual PRISM concerts in the fall as well as a recording project at end of each semester. The **MUSO** is a touring ensemble and will perform at various high schools throughout the area to recruit students into the university and the music program.

MUSO will present four concerts during the 2019-2020 school year. The first concert will feature favorites from the orchestra literature from composers such as Dvorak (Slavonic Dances), Elgar (Variations on An Original Theme), and Berlioz (Symphonie Fantasique). We will feature our new cello instructor, Garet Holdren, on our second performance with a concerto by Gerald Finzi – English composer – a stunning work for both the soloist and the orchestra. In the second semester the MUSO will continue its Beethoven tradition (it's also the 250th anniversary of this illustrious composer) by performing the Leonore 3 Overture, the Piano Concerto No. 3 featuring MU piano faculty Eun-Joo Kwak, and the Symphony No. 3 (Eroica) featuring invited alumni from the MUSO of years past. The final concert of the year will be the eagerly awaited Student Solo Concert featuring selected student soloists. This is always one of the favorite orchestra concerts of the year because it has become a showcase for the enormous talent which comprises the student population of the Music Department.

Flute Studio: Flutist Lindsey Goodman, guest artist for the MU New Music Festival in March gave an inspiring and informative masterclass for the flute studio.
In June flutists Ellie Motichka and Kasey Smeal enjoyed a weekend playing informally with the Concert Band and woodwind quintet of the 198th Army Band in Rochester, NY.

The **MU Jazz Ensemble,** directed by Jeff Jacobsen, will start up again in the fall semester. We have four concerts planned for the year as well as the annual PRISM performances and the annual Jazz Festival in the spring. We also have several run out performance opportunities as part of our on-going recruiting efforts for the university. Audition materials are available on the Music Department web site – look under Student Resources – and auditions will be the week prior to the first day of classes. Contact Dr. J for more information about the Jazz Ensemble at Mansfield University – jjacobse@mansfield.edu.

Mansfieldians invited to perform at the ACDA Eastern Division Conference in Rochester, NY
The Mansfieldians (photo above) have been selected to perform at the 2020 American Choral Directors Eastern Division Conference in Rochester, NY.
They were one of over 55 ensembles that applied for one of coveted performance spots. The Mansfieldians are the only vocal jazz ensemble selected to perform at the conference in Rochester. Director Sheryl Monkelien said "Every year, the Mansfieldians work hard to learn and present difficult jazz arrangements.
All of their effort has paid off with this prestigious invitation and we couldn't be more excited!" In order to be selected, a taped audition with performances from the past three years must be submitted, which demonstrates consistency in the ensemble.
This will be the third time the Mansfieldians have performed at an ACDA event in the past twenty years (2010 ACDA Eastern Division in Philadelphia, PA; 2013 ACDA National in Dallas, TX; and 2019 ACDA Eastern Division in Rochester, NY).
The Mansfieldians will perform at Hochstein Hall in central Rochester, NY twice on Saturday, March 7 at 9:15 am and 10:30 am. The Rutgers University Glee Club will join them in these concerts.

The **String Project @ Mansfield University** will begin again in the Fall Semester. Project Director Shannon Pizzriusso will be leading a team of student instructors from the String Music Education side of the Music Department at Mansfield University. Student instructors are available to teach violin, viola, cello, and bass in group and individual lessons. The group lessons will be held in Butler Music Center on Saturdays from 11:00 to 11:50 AM. There will be Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced levels of group classes. At Noon on Saturdays the String Project @ Mansfield University will hold rehearsals for the large ensemble which is open to people enrolled in the group lessons. The String Project @ Mansfield University also offers individual lessons on violin, viola, cello, and bass. These lessons are scheduled with the individual instructors at a time which works for both the student and the instructor. The String Project @ Mansfield University holds recitals at the end of each semester in Room 163 of the Butler Music Center. Contact Dr. Jacobsen, Founder/ Master Teacher for more information about the String Project @ Mansfield University including schedule and fees.

Concert Choir to embark on their Ninth European Tour next July!
International concert tours with the MU Concert Choir have taken place every three years since 1996. The choir has appeared in 18 European countries and in eight international choral competitions garnering nine gold medals and other prizes over the years. The real win, however, is when the students walk off the stage after singing better than they ever imagined and bonding with singers in other lands! The next tour will take place July 4 through 17 taking the choir to the World Choir Games to be held in Antwerp and Ghent, Belgium. Along the way, they will perform in Strasbourg and Paris, France, and include a visit to the WWI battlefields at Verdun. A limited number of non-singing guest travelers may join the tour. Contact Peggy Dettwiler for more info: pdettwil@mansfield.edu 570-662-4721

2018 Holiday Concert DVD released!
Mansfield University Music Department offers the Annual Holiday Choral Concert, "Good Will to All", as a DVD featuring Grace Notes, Steadmen, Chamber Singers, Festival Chorus, and Concert Choir. It was produced & directed by Peggy Dettwiler and recorded in concert on Sunday, December 2, 2018, in Steadman Theatre.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS attracted 140 students this past summer. Pass along contact info for any interested students for next year!

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2019 FALL Department of Music
Calendar of Events

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SEPTEMBER

14	9 AM	TTOSA Workshop

OCTOBER

4	7:30 PM	PRISM Concert $
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6	2:30 PM	Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra
12	7:30 PM	Jazz Ensemble and Mansfieldians Concert
13	12:30 PM	Sax Studio Recital, Butler 163
13	2:30 PM	Choral Collage
19	7:30 PM	Concert Wind Ensemble
25	ALL DAY	Young Men's Choral Festival (4:00 PM Concert)
26	4:30 PM	Octoboefest
27	5:00 PM	Marching Band to Hershey

NOVEMBER

2	6:00 PM	Marching Band to Hershey
3	2:30 PM	Dr. Todd Ranney, Tim Culver, and Catherine Robison
7	10:00 AM	Così fan tutte, @ Straughn
8	7 :30 PM	Così fan tutte, @ Straughn
9	9:00 AM	Piano Competition
9	1:30 PM	Mountaineer Brass Band Veterans Day Concert @VA Hospital in Bath, NY

NOVEMBER *continued*

9	7:30 PM	Così fan tutte, @ Straughn
10	10:00 AM	Saxophone Summit
10	2:30 PM	Così fan tutte, @ Straughn
11	11:00 AM	Music Department Auditions
15	7:30 PM	Jazz Band Concert
16	7:30 PM	Concert Wind Ensemble Concert
17	2:30 PM	Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra
25	7:30 PM	Vocal Jazz Festival Concert

DECEMBER

2	7:30 PM	Student Composer's Society Concert
6	1:15 PM	Mountaineer Brass Band - Presentation & Performance @ Annual NYSSMA Winter Conference, Rochester, NY
7	7:30 AM	Holiday Concert, Alleluias from Around the World
8	2:30 PM	Holiday Concert, Alleluias from Around the World
9	7:00 PM	Opera Scene Workshop
13	7:30 PM	Mountaineer Brass Band & Trailblazer Brass Band

$ paid event

We love to hear from our Alumni Please take a few minutes to keep us current with any change of name, address, and email.

Name _____ Class _____

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